

# SKETCHes of BNAPSers

## SKETCH No. 208

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### DR. BLENDIN L. BURTON

I've always thought of Dr. Blendin L. Burton — Burt — as an older, quiet mannered man, with little to say and absolutely unpretentious. After 2 years of cajoling, I got his biography — and I was amazed! I did not know that he has a PhD in Physics from Brown University and that, before retirement, he had a most important job at the Atomic Energy Center in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Burt is a native of Maine and got his education at their University. World War II found him degaussing ships (making them more safe from magnetic mines) and improving torpedo performance for Naval Ordnance. Home again, he went on to get his PhD. From there, he went to Los Alamos (for 20 years), working on shock waves in solids and high pressure in solids. Before retiring, he was on the team declassifying about one million documents for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Philatelically, Burt was a child collector when he met a man working on the Connell stamp who influenced him quite a lot, but his education and the war interfered. At Brown, his roommate encouraged him to renew his interest. His roommate, who was very involved in BNAPS (Burt found out some years later), was none other than Harry Daggett! It was Canadian Revenues that brought Burt into our fold.



He belongs to most of the major philatelic societies and is a charter member of our Revenue group.

A true stamper — he only buys, never sells — he's interested in most anything Canadawise, although he does have a side interest in covers of Bangor, Maine. He has never exhibited, but has plans for his local or state shows? How come not for BNAPS, Burt? Let's see what you have!

Besides serving on the local and state philatelic societies, he also is an avid reader and a book collector.

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and snippets of information from various members. The main article, by Wilf Whitehouse, is *Canada's Patriotic Meter Slogans 1940-45*. Again, this is a comprehensive, illustrated listing of the cancellations.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND

The first newsletter of the Newfoundland study group is tremendous. The group has decided, as its first goal, to help Palmer Mofatt list all of Newfoundland's twentieth century post offices. This first newsletter lists the post offices from 'A' through 'L'. A great start for a fledgling study group.

#### A PERSONAL VIEW

In the BNAPS bylaws there is a statement of purpose which reads, in part, "It shall be the purpose of the society to encourage and to aid the collecting and the study of (BNA stamps and postal history) and to disseminate information on the subject . . .".

We are a specialized society, and study groups are our research arm. I heartily agree with the judge's choice for the Grand Award at Calgary. It was also my choice. However, as a society we shall come of age when an exhibit of, say, Perfins, wins the grand, and there is general agreement that it is warranted.